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New coal dust fired locomotive developed by VEB Lokomotivbau Karl Marx Babelsberg

1. As a result of instructions from the Ministry, work on the coal dust fired high pressure locomotives (designed by Hans Wendler) was expedited during June 1955.
2. About 100 locomotives have been adapted for coal dust firing. The dust is blown into the fire bed by compressed air.
3. Enough brown coal dust for a journey of 600 km. can be carried on the locomotive.
4. On 20 June 1955 the first of these locomotives underwent final trials on the Dessau-Michendorf railroad sector and was then delivered by the VEB Lokomotivbau Karl Marx Babelsberg to the Arnstadt railroad station.
5. The locomotive attained a speed of 100 km. per hour. Only after a trial period of three weeks will orders for mass production be issued.

Orders from abroad

1. Forty Diesel 90 h.p. locomotives have been ordered by China, and 18 of similar type for North Korea.
2. Experts and engineers are being recruited in the plant for work in North Korea on 3-year contracts.

Use of a new hall

3. A hall hitherto empty, in which newly arrived machines have been stored, has now been closed to all workers except those who are employed there. There is a rumor that this place will be used for arms manufacture.

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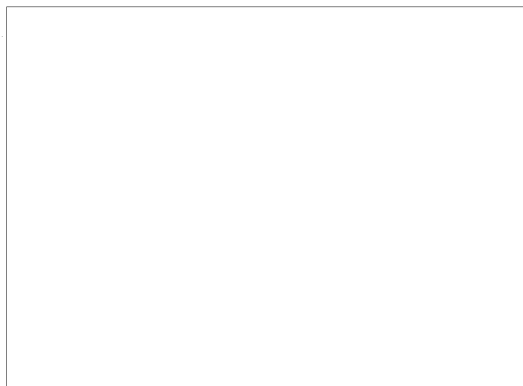


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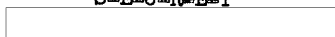
KVP recruitment

4. The plant has recruited 250 men for the KVP. Hitherto, only 24 had been recruited, and these were all FDJ members.



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